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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, NOVEMBER 2, 2000

APPLICATION OF

VERIZON SOUTH INC.  
f/k/a GTE SOUTH INCORPORATED

CASE NO. PUC000001

For Exemption from Providing  
Physical Collocation

FINAL ORDER

As supplemented in a filing on March 16, 2000, Verizon South Inc. ("Verizon South" or "the Company") f/k/a GTE South Incorporated filed a request for exemption from providing physical collocation, pursuant to § 251(c)(6) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and the Commission's regulations,<sup>1</sup> for its Dale City, Lorton, Dulles, Arcola, Shipps Corner, and Hickory central offices.

On April 12, 2000, Verizon South filed a withdrawal of its request for exemption from providing physical collocation at its Dale City office. The Company stated that space would be available for collocation in that office within 120 days of the filing. The Commission accepted this withdrawal in an Order of April 25, 2000. This Order further invited comments from

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<sup>1</sup> Procedural Rules Governing Exemption From Providing Physical Collocation Pursuant To § 251(c)(6) Of The Telecommunications Act Of 1996, 20 VAC 5-400-200.

interested parties on the Company's remaining requests and directed the Staff to file a report.

Cox Virginia Telcom, Inc. ("Cox"), filed comments on Verizon South's exemption requests on May 18, 2000. Cox stated that it is "more concerned with procedures than with specifics," noting that it is not currently seeking collocation at any of the central offices for which Verizon South is seeking exemptions in this case.

The Staff filed its report on June 8, 2000. Its investigation included reviewing the floor plans of the central offices and touring the offices.

The Staff determined that there is no available space in the Arcola, Hickory, and Lorton central offices that can be used for physical collocation.

The Staff did not object to the requested exemption for the Dulles office because it believed Verizon South sufficiently justified the quantity of space the Company was reserving for switching equipment bays based upon forecasted growth of access lines and the Company's switch replacement plans.

The Staff toured the Shipps Corner office on April 10, 2000. The Staff determined that space was unavailable for physical collocation at that time; however, a 2,144 square foot building addition was underway and scheduled for completion around August 2000. The Staff recommended that Verizon South

start accepting applications for physical collocation with the normal response and provisioning intervals outlined in the Company's tariff and that any exemption be terminated upon completion of the building addition.

Verizon South filed a letter on June 23, 2000, stating that it had no comments on the Staff report. Cox also filed a response to the Staff report on June 23, 2000. Cox noted its agreement with the Staff's findings and conclusions.

On August 25, 2000, Verizon South filed a withdrawal of its request for an exemption from providing physical collocation for the Shipps Corner central office. The Company stated that its building addition at that office was nearing completion and space would be available for collocation by September 15, 2000.

NOW THE COMMISSION, upon consideration of the Company's supplemented application, the relevant statutes and regulations, Cox's comments, the Staff's report, and the Company's withdrawal of its exemption request for Shipps Corner, is of the opinion and finds Verizon South's request for exemption from the requirement to provide physical collocation at its Arcola, Dulles, Hickory, and Lorton central offices should be granted, and the Company's withdrawal of its request for an exemption for the Shipps Corner office should be accepted.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) Verizon South's request for exemption from the requirement to provide physical collocation at its Arcola, Dulles, Hickory, and Lorton central offices is granted.

(2) Verizon South's withdrawal of its request for exemption from the requirement to provide physical collocation at its Shipps Corner central office is accepted.

(3) The exemptions granted herein shall be terminated if space for physical collocation becomes available through building additions or equipment removals.

(4) There being nothing further to be done herein, this matter shall be dismissed from the Commission's docket of active cases and the papers filed herein placed in the file for ended causes.